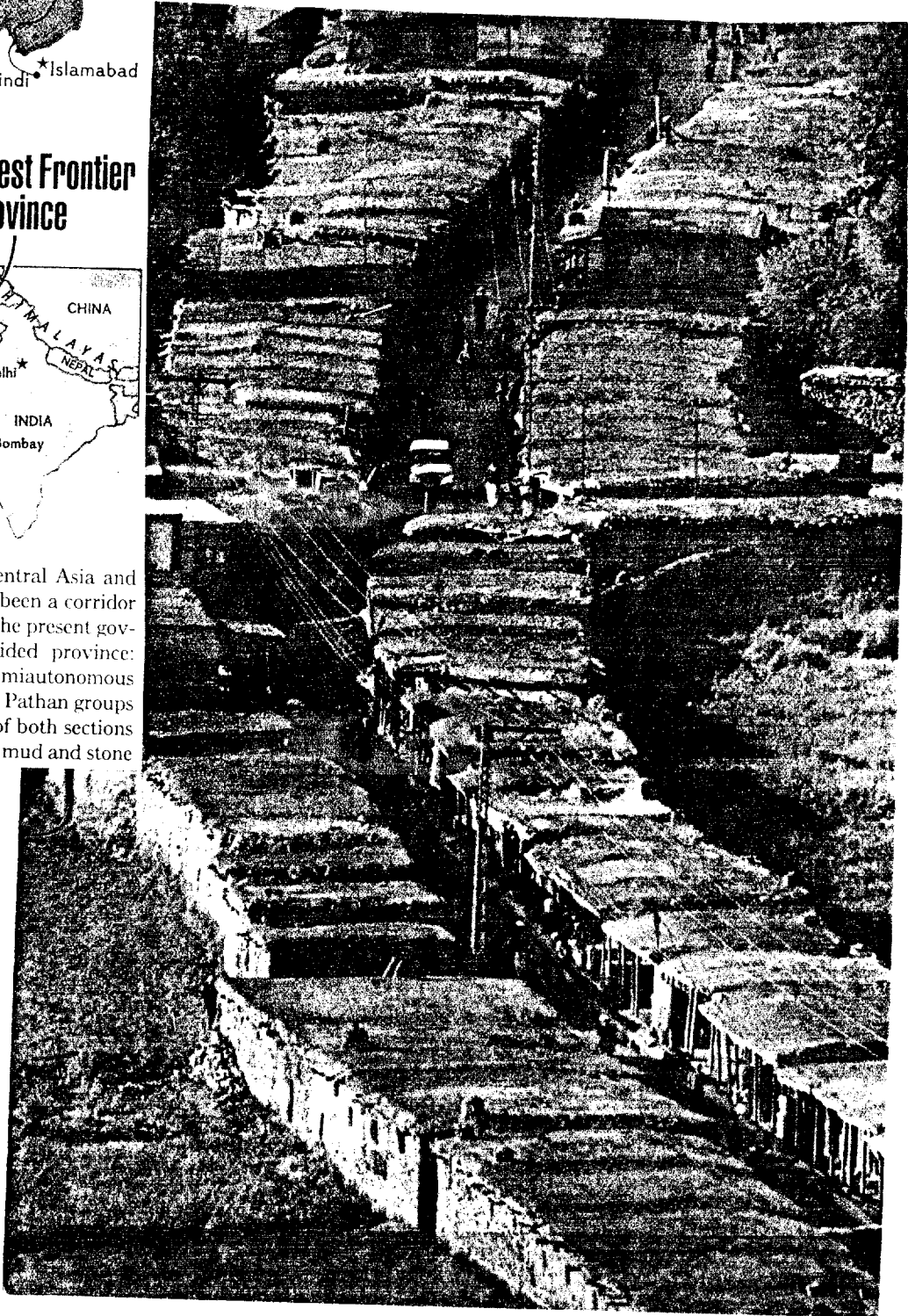
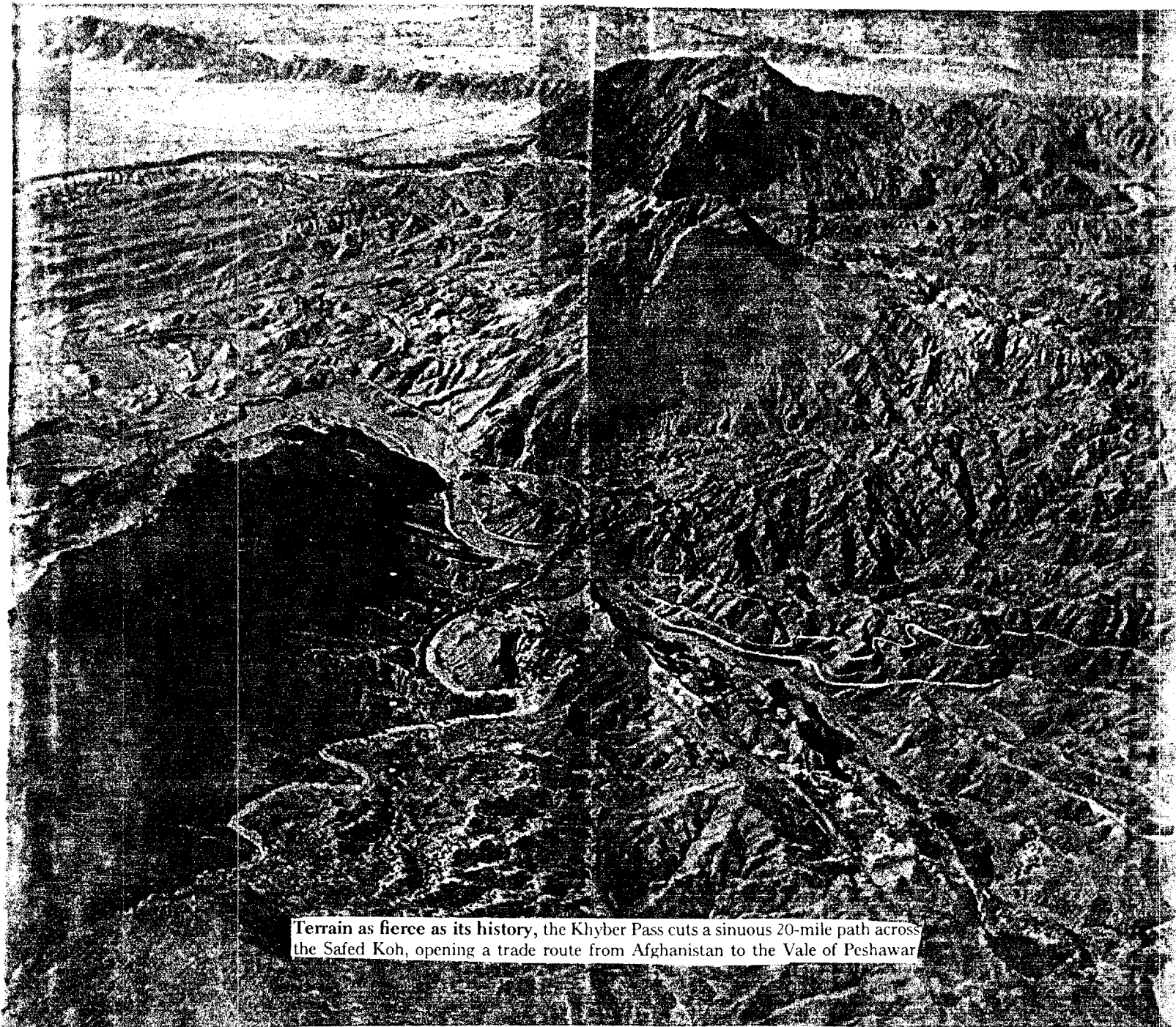


Stepping-stone between central Asia and India, this frontier zone has been a corridor of invasion since 1500 B.C. The present government administers a divided province: "settled districts," and a semiautonomous tribal area where many of the Pathan groups reside (above). Inhabitants of both sections live mostly in houses built of mud and stone



KHYBER PASS (SAFED KOH)



Terrain as fierce as its history, the Khyber Pass cuts a sinuous 20-mile path across the Safed Koh, opening a trade route from Afghanistan to the Vale of Peshawar